MALLIKARJUN): (a) In the various operations launched under Operation Rakshak, the Army has been able to achieve tangible results.

(b) Does not arise in view of Part (a) above.

(c) and (d) Due to the vast and difficult nature of the terrain particularly in J&K, it is not possible to hermetically seal the Line of Control or International Border. However, by deploying and redeploying forces, Army has been able to effectively check infiltration / exfiltration of ANEs.

India's Missile Programme

3137. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian experts have pointed out that India must develop a complete missile system to deter any neighbouring countries who are pursuing aggressive missile programmes for launching misile attacks on India;

(b) if so, whether India is surrounded by China and its arch enemy Pakistan both missile powers;

(c) if so, whether the missile programme have warned these nations that if they continued missile powers, India does not lack behind;

(d) whether the launching of Prithvi has created confidence among the Indian Army and has issued warning to Pakistan; and

(e) if so, whether Government has made it clear that they are continuing the missile development policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Based on the threat perception, Indian defence experts had identified a number of missile systems to be developed in an integrated mode to combat threat from any of the neighbouring countries. These missiles are being developed under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP). No defence expert has expressed any specific views recently for further development of missile technology and systems.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) IGMDP envisages development of four state-of-the-art missile systems namely, surface-to-surface missile PRITHVI, short range surface-to-air missile TRISHUL, medium range surface-to-air missile AKASH and third generation anti-tank missile NAG. IGMDP also includes a project for development of reentry technology demonstrator AGNI which has been completed successfully.

(d) Two successful flight tests of 'PRITHVI' carried out on 4th and 6th June, 1994 as part of users trials has created necessary confidence in the Indian Army.

(e) The Government is fully committed to continue with the indigenous missile development programme.

Recovery of charges under Cantonments Act

3138. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have framed rules under the Cantonments Act 1924 relating to recovery of charges as per Standard Table of Rent from occupiers, lessees of Old Grant Leases and other classes of B(3) lands, plots and premises in civilian areas of cantonments;

(b) whether rules are there also for transfer of existing lease hold rights from one lessee to another in the event of death of original lessee with or without a will;

(c) whether probate is not required for such transfers;

(d) whether STR is recoverable in such events;

(e) whether terms and conditions are not changed;

(f) whether some cantonments authorities have not been recovering STR, removing unauthorised occupiers of these leases despite losses of Government revenue and properties; and

(g) if so, the fact and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Cantonment Land Administration Rules; 1925 and 1937 were framed under the provisions of Cantonments Act, 1924. These rules contain procedure for management of land, maintenance of land records, reclassification of land, grant of leases for various types and fixing of rent and premium as per Standard Table of Rent. No rent or premium is chargeable as per Standard Table of Rent in respect of old grant properties including Class B-3 land.

(b) The conditions of lease govern the transfer of lease hold rights from one lessee to the other. In case of death of a lessee, the transfer takes place by way of normal rules of inheritance, succession, testamentary or otherwise.

(c) Probate is required only in cases of unregistered wills in the event of death of a lessee.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g) The cantonment authorities recover rent from the lessees of the leased sites as per the terms of lease deeds. As such, there is no question of loss of Government revenue.

Use of defence sensitive areas for films

3139. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed any rule in declaring defence sensitive areas "prohibited areas";

(b) whether it is a fact that large number of prohibited areas under defence control are regularly hired out for film movies and serials;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such permissions are granted on stipulated charges;

(d) the total amount received by Defence Ministry during the last three years from the private users of Defence Prohibited Areas;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the rental is collected in the name of "President's Fund"; and

(f) if so, what are the details of the "President's Fund" and the areas where the fund is used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Defence areas are probibited areas as per the provisions of Sec. 2 (8) of the Official Secretes Act, 1923.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. No defence premises are rented out for film shootings. As per regulations, defence assistance including permission for location shooting in non-vital/ non-sensitive areas for production of film/T.V. serials may be provided in cases where the script is approved as enhancing the image of the defence forces. The assistance is provided on payment of stipulated charges.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (b) & (c) above.

(e) No, Sir. The charges for providing assistance are deposited in the Government account.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply to part (e) above.

Repairing of Coast Guard Vessels

3140. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Base Repair Organisations, established for repairs of coast guard vessels;

(b) whether it is a fact that there had been inordinate delay in establishing a "Base Repair Organisation" in eastern sector thereby incurring avoidable expenditure; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the East Coast Vessels were repaired at commercial centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) So far, no Base Repair Organisation has been established for repair of Coast Guard Vessels.

(b) The building earmarked for the BRO at Madras belonged to Tamil Nadu Fisheries Department. Due to administrative delays, the